

1    **Abstract of Disclosure**

2    A concealable buckle apparatus includes a panel, a locking element, a  
3    shaft and a buckle. The panel includes a recess and a margin formed  
4    about the recess. The recess includes a bottom and a wall projecting  
5    from the bottom and two slots extending from the bottom to the wall.  
6    The locking element includes a concave first portion, a convex second  
7    portion extending from the first portion, a concave third portion  
8    extending from the second portion and a fourth portion extending from  
9    the third portion. The fourth portion of the locking element is secured to  
10   the bottom of the recess. The shaft is put between the locking element  
11   and the bottom of the panel. The buckle includes two lateral portions  
12   inserted through the slots and secured to the shaft and a central portion  
13   formed between the lateral portions. The buckle is concealed in the  
14   recess when the shaft is retained in the first portion of the locking element.  
15   The buckle is completely extended from the recess when the shaft is  
16   retained in the third portion of the locking element.

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